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Enforcement

The Commission recommended dismissal of a citizen action alleging that the **Puget Sound Regional Council** and the **Ports of Seattle, Everett, and Tacoma** used or authorized the use of public facilities to oppose Initiative 912. The Commission found no evidence to support the claim that any of these public agencies authorized **Keep Washington Rolling**, a political committee formed to oppose Initiative 912, to include the agencies in a list of supporters on the committee's website. The citizen action was originally filed with the Attorney General who referred the matter to the Public Disclosure Commission for investigation. The Commission's recommendation, staff report, and report of investigation will be sent to the Attorney General for review.

Reporting Modification

The Commission granted a reporting modification to **Chris Hoeppner**, a 2005 Socialist Workers Party candidate for City of Seattle Mayor, who requested not to report contributor and vendor names and addresses, and employer and occupation information of individuals who contribute more than \$100 in the aggregate.

The modification allows Mr. Hoeppner to assign code numbers for contributor and vendor names and addresses, and also assign codes for the employer and occupation information of individuals who contribute more than \$100 in the aggregate. The campaign will disclose both the contributors' and vendors' zip codes.

The Commission also granted Mr. Hoeppner's request for an exemption from making these names, addresses, and the employer/occupation information available during the 8-day period for public inspection of campaign books.

This modification was granted solely for the applicant's 2005 campaign and is in line with an earlier ruling by the U. S. District Court and a recent Seattle Ethics & Elections reporting modification granted to the applicant.

Procedural Action

The Commission set its meeting schedule for the remainder of 2005:

Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 9:00 AM Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 9:30 AM Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 9:30 AM

The Commission meeting materials may be found at www.pdc.wa.gov under Commission Meetings at Meetings and Materials. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Acting Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at landerson@pdc.wa.gov.